

STONE & THOMAS.

Annual January Clearance Sale.

Additional news this morning of interest, and we repeat one of the more important items. Never had such heavy buying at a sale of this kind before. Never sold good goods at such low prices.

More Dress Goods Values.

Busy times at the Dress Goods Counter. Values such as these appeal to economical buyers.

BLACK GOODS.

Three special clearance prices for to-day—

75c, 98c and \$1.50 Yard.

46-inch All Wool Priestley's Black Novelties, all good patterns, sold at \$1.00. Clearance price..... **75c**
58-inch Camel Hair Cheviots, 54-inch Imported Storm Serges, regular price \$1.25. Clearance price..... **98c**
Black Crepons, Imported ones, sold at \$2.00 and \$2.25. Clearance price..... **\$1.50**

COLORED DRESS GOODS.

54-inch Meltons and English Coverts, 56-inch Camel Hair, 54-inch Plain and Mixed Cloths—all sold from \$1.25 to \$1.50. Clearance price..... **98c**
48-inch All Wool Storm Serge, Navy Blue only, 69c grade. Clearance price..... **49c**
50-inch All Wool Cloths, in all the late shades. Clearance price..... **50c**

PLAIDS.

Fine Imported Camel Hair Plaids, sold from \$2.00 to \$2.50. Clearance price..... **\$1.39**
Special clearance prices on our entire line of Plaid Back Suitings.

SILKS AT CLEARANCE PRICES.

85c and 98c Fancy Taffetas..... **58c**
\$1.15 and \$1.25 Fancy Taffetas..... **68c**
\$1.50 Novelty Silks..... **95c**

PLAIN BLACK TAFFETA SILK.

19-inch, 59c grade, at..... **44c**
19-inch, 69c grade, at..... **57c**
21-inch, 75c grade, at..... **64c**
24-inch, 89c grade, at..... **69c**
24-inch, \$1.00 grade, at..... **84c**
27-inch, \$1.25 grade, at..... **98c**

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ATTEND

SNOOK & CO.'S

GREAT JANUARY SALES.

Sale No. 1==Ready-Made Goods (Now in Progress.)

Sale No. 2==Muslin Underwear, Embroidery and Laces.

Begins To-day (Monday)

and will equal, if not exceed any similar sale held by this store—that's certain. Space here to tell you just a little about it, but glance at our lower Main street window, also at our well-filled shelves and tables in Cloak Room. These talk most convincingly of QUALITY and QUANTITY, of STYLE, of LOW PRICES. Sanitary, not sweat-shop, Underwear the kind we sell.

Gowns.

'Tis here where we excel both in style and quality—fully a hundred different styles, sizes 18 to 18. Here are a few:
Gown with round yoke, edged with showy insertion—eight triple clusters of tucks—cambric ruffle and sleeves..... **49c**
Gown with yoke of inserting, tucking and beading—cambric ruffle at neck and sleeves..... **59c**
Gown with new short, cross tucked yoke, embroidered ruffle at neck and sleeves..... **63c**
Gowns of fine cambric and muslin at 98c each. Fully fifty styles at this price; each one trimmed so elaborately as to cause one to wonder how such elegant gowns can be produced to retail at..... **98c**
Gowns of increasing loveliness all the way up to..... **\$2.98**
No need to pay more. **\$2.98**

Chemise.

Always a certain amount of these sold. We have them in the latest styles, up to..... **\$2.19**

Drawers.

Muslin and Cambric Drawers, starting at..... **25c**

Embroideries

and Laces. Lack of space prevents extended notice of our January Lace and Embroidery selling, but you may depend upon securing the choicest styles here.

Corset Covers.

Those dainty and attractive Blouse Corset Covers in lace and embroidery trimmed are here at all prices between **29c** and **\$1.29**.

Tight Fitting

Corset Covers in plain, tucked, embroidered and lace trimmed—the Unusual Variety is here, **8c** to **98c**.

Skirts.

Our Skirts are so constructed that no additional bulk is added to the hips.

Skirt with deep cambric ruffle, the plainness of which is relieved by three rows of hemstitching, clusters of tucking at top of ruffle... **63c**

Skirts at 89c, at 98c, at \$1.48, at \$1.98, at many more prices, growing in interest until we reach one that is a mass of ruffles and tucks. Lace in the ruffles is of deep Renaissance with headings of insertion to match..... **\$4.95**

Infants' Wear.

We always make ample provisions for the little ones, and the present stock is very complete. Long and short skirts, long and short dresses and a full line of Drawers, Skirts and Waists for children of larger growth.

THE FIRE RECORD

For the Year 1899 Submitted to the Council Fire Committee.

AGGREGATE FIRE LOSS \$19,014

Which is Not Excessive for a City of Wheeling's Size—Of This Sum the Loss at One Fire, That at the Wilson Lumber Yard, was \$6,800. There Were 126 Calls on the Department During the Year.

At last night's meeting of the council committee on fire department, Fire Chief Robert D. Cline, submitted his report for the year 1899. The aggregate fire losses during the year footed up the sum of \$19,014, which is not excessive for a city of Wheeling's size. The heaviest losses came in the fourth quarter of the year, when the Wilson lumber yard fire loss of \$6,800 and the White Front loss of \$2,000 and smaller losses made the aggregate for the quarter, \$9,637. During the year there were 126 calls on the department, and of these five were from outside the city limits. The report in detail is as follows:

	Calls.	Losses.	Insurance.
First Quarter.....	29	\$4,225	\$104,350
Second Quarter.....	25	\$4,218	72,000
Third Quarter.....	35	\$32	15,000
Fourth Quarter.....	29	\$9,637	\$23,500
Out of City.....	5
Totals.....	126	\$19,013	\$296,850

In connection with his annual report, Chief Cline submitted his detailed report of fires during the fourth quarter of the year, a synopsis of which is as follows:

October 1-7:30 p. m., Baltimore & Ohio Railway Company, South street, loss, \$5.

October 7-1:38 p. m., Wilson estate, Main street; no loss.

October 11-2:25 a. m., H. Keckhorne, 3518 Jacob street; loss, \$75.

October 12-5:48 p. m., Neuhart estate, 1008 and 1010 Alley C; loss, \$385; insurance, \$950.

October 13-10:30 p. m., Mr. McGrugar, rear of McCulloch street; no loss.

October 22-10:15 a. m., Mr. Brinkman, McCulloch street; no loss.

October 28-9:27 p. m., Western Union Telegraph office, Twelfth street; loss, \$5.

October 29-6:53 a. m., Mr. Bayha, Main street; loss, \$115; insurance, \$1,000.

October 30-4:24 p. m., Charles Stevens, Alley C; loss, \$100.

October 31-5:30 p. m., 1228 and 1230 Market street; losses and insurance as follows: F. W. Baumer Company, \$800 and \$900; Thomas Halpin, \$200 and \$3,000; Charles Otto, \$325 and \$400; building, \$350 and \$3,000.

November 1-5 a. m., John Noll, 33 Main street; no loss.

November 2-2 a. m., S. McCluskey, 4605 Jacob street; loss, \$45.

November 5-11:02 p. m., W. A. Wilson & Son, lumber yards, 443 Main street; loss, \$6,800; insurance, \$5,000.

November 6-9 p. m., William Young, 710 Main street; no loss; 2:05 p. m., Little estate, 48 South Broadway, loss \$25; insurance \$1,000.

November 12-4:15 p. m., William Leach, Wood street; no loss.

November 17-10:45 p. m., Market street bridge; no loss.

November 18-4:34 a. m., E. M. Hollday, Eoff and Thirty-first streets, loss, \$100; insurance, \$12,000.

November 20-7:35 p. m., Mr. McLaughlin, 141 Pierce street; no loss.

November 21-9 a. m., William Greenen, Jacob and Twenty-eighth streets; no loss.

November 25-12:55 p. m., William Lowe, 458 Grand View street, loss, \$60; insurance, \$800.

December 3-3:22 p. m., Louis Bachman, Alley D; loss, \$22; insurance, \$500.

December 11-11:10 p. m., Gillespie estate, Fourteenth street; no loss.

December 16-7 p. m., J. M. Dauer, 1102-1106 Market street; loss, \$25; insurance, \$7,000.

December 18-1:22 p. m., J. O'Brien, Eighteenth street; no loss.

December 21-9 a. m., White, Handley & Foster, 2245 Market street, loss, \$75; insurance, \$3,000.

December 22-4:28 p. m., Mr. Penn, Market street; no loss.

December 30-9:35 a. m., Mrs. Barbara Gruber, Wabash and North Huron streets, loss, \$150; insurance, \$1,500.

The committee recommended to council bills aggregating \$161 39.

Bids for repainting the Eleventh street chemical wagon were received and opened, as follows: Walters & McCluskey, \$155; Donaldson, Morgan & Co., \$175; Charles J. Elig Carriage Company, \$145. The contract was awarded to the lowest bidder, the Elig Company.

THE GAYLORD DEAL

Has Not Been Closed, the News to the Contrary Notwithstanding.

The Intelligencer may have "another guess," as intimated in last evening's unreliable, and at present "three days ahead of time," News, and the second "guess" which the evening sheet is so gracious to allow, will correspond in every respect with the statement published in yesterday's issue. At the time of going to press this morning the Gaylord Coal Works, above this city, has not been sold, and the sale is no nearer consummation than it was early last week; neither have Messrs. John Henderson and William Cattell paid one cent toward the deal, or issued a single check in payment of the same, and they have not been swindled out of a cent (as was stated in last evening's paper), and are not likely to be. Furthermore, Mr. Cattell stated Saturday that he did not have anything to do with the Gaylord deal, and was not interested in it, but his interests were involved in other territory. It was a clear case of swindling its readers on the part of the News, as the facts of the case could easily have been obtained, but evidently were not wanted. Last evening's sheet also speaks of the reliability of the two papers, and this is one of many cases where the Intelligencer's reliability is demonstrated to be at a premium, while the evening contemporary's is far below par.

The Boer-Fenian organ should chase itself.

THE HUB CLOTHIERS.

25 Per Cent
..Discount..

100 Dozen Pair of All Line Cuffs During This Week at 10c Per Pair

On about 250 Men's Overcoats, only two or three of a kind, all this season's make. About 200 Men's Suits, one, two or three of a kind. About 175 Boys' Vestee Suits. All our Boys' Coats and Reefers, with the exception of one lot of Top coats.

This simple announcement with no further comment or explanation should be sufficient to crowd our floors during the continuance of this sale, but there are strangers—people who may be tempted to judge our store by the methods employed by others—people who have responded to similar announcements before only to meet with disappointment—strangers to whom a statement of facts may be justly due. Our 25 per cent reduction sale is guaranteed strictly square and legitimate, the discount absolutely genuine, and the 25 per cent off prices, already the lowest in the state, means quite a saving, quite an important event for contemplative clothing buyers. Furthermore we back this statement WITH THE REWARD OF FIVE HUNDRED DOLLARS for a single instance of marking up goods or tampering with the tickets, and positively assert that the tickets call for the lowest prices at which the goods have been marked during the entire season and from these prices the 25 per cent discount will be allowed.

MONEY BACK AS USUAL.

THE HUB,

STRICTLY ONE PRICE. Clothiers, Hatters, Furnishers

MARKET AND FOURTEENTH STREETS.

BAER'S CLOTHING HOUSE.

Clearance Sale

OF MEN'S AND BOYS' ODD SUITS AND OVERCOATS

It doesn't matter to you whether we have one or a hundred Suits and Overcoats of a sort, if the one we have is the one you want. But it matters to us. To have a customer fall in love with a Suit or Overcoat, and then fail to get the required size, is to make that person dissatisfied with the store. Hence Clearance Sales, when we bunch the few of various sorts, and telling plainly that sizes are missing here and there, we sell them in a way to make friends instead of losing them.

LEE BAER,

Twelfth Street Clothier.

LOCKE SHOE CO.

For Butchers and Brewers.

We have had made especially for you a genuine solid, double sole and top sole OIL GRAIN BOOT, that we believe will be exactly the boot you are looking for. Come up and give us your opinion on it.

Price \$3.00.

LOCKE SHOE COMPANY.

THE BURNS ANNIVERSARY.

A Meeting to Further Arrangements Will Be Held Wednesday.

An open meeting will be held at the McClure to-morrow evening of all interested in furthering the proposed celebration of the anniversary of the birth of Robert Burns, the Scottish poet, which will occur on January 25. All men and women of Scotch birth or descent are urgently requested to attend, and it is hoped by the promoters that the attendance will be large. This meeting will determine the character and extent of the celebration, as so far no definite plans have been arranged.

It is proposed to suitably honor the anniversary of the birth of Scotland's immortal bard, and Scotchmen living out of town who are in sympathy with the movement are requested to send their names to J. L. Diamond, at Stone & Thomas' store, who will be pleased to furnish them with all information, as the participation of the clans of surrounding towns is desired. The sons of "Auld Scotia" retain fond memories of their native heathers and no people are more intensely patriotic. The celebration will undoubtedly be a success, and the local Scots are looking forward to January 25 with keen delight.

At the Grand.

The popularity of repertoire companies among patrons of the Grand Opera House, was evidenced last night when the "standing room only" sign was out, the occasion being the opening performance by the Van Dyke and Barton Company. They presented the Boston melodrama, "When Friends Are Few." The play was well cast, each member of the company doing very capable work. The specialties between acts were very clever, and were enthusiastically enjoyed. The company will remain all week. Last night's bill

will be repeated this afternoon, and tonight the company will present "Across the Trail."

The Week of Prayer.

The week of prayer is being observed by the First Presbyterian Church and congregation, with the promise of good results. Last evening the theme was "Prayerful Confession," and the whole tone of the meeting from the beginning to the close gave evidence of the gracious and quickening presence of the Holy Spirit. The pastor, Dr. Cunningham, conducts the services and is assisted in the devotional part by the elders and members of the church. This evening the subject will be "The Church Universal." A welcome is given to strangers and others in the city to come to the meetings, which will begin each evening at half-past 7 o'clock.

THE total enrollment of the Wheeling Business College since September 1, is 276. Of this number seventeen were added the past week.

NOTICE.

In fairness to our late as well as early customers we have decided to continue our 20 per cent discount sale until January 1.

Remember we give 20 per cent off the regular price of anything in our large stock of \$70,000 worth of Diamonds, Watches, Clocks, Silverware, etc.

SHEFF BROS.,
Corner Main and Eleventh Street.

If the Musical Doll

and Mechanical Pig are not called for by January 15, we will make other provisions for their disposal. Look again, see if you have Nos. 7,427 and 25,500.

GEO. M. SNOOK & CO.